

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

MIGUEL ANGEL SAMANIEGO-
GALVEZ, et al.

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:24-cr-00161-LK

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
MOTION TO CONTINUE TRIAL
DATE AND PRETRIAL MOTIONS
DEADLINE

This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Miguel Angel Samaniego-Galvez's Motion to Continue Trial Date and Motions Deadline. Dkt. No. 33. Mr. Samaniego-Galvez moves to continue the trial date from November 18, 2024 to March 24, 2025, and to continue the pretrial motions deadline from October 17, 2024 to February 10, 2025. *Id.* at 1. Counsel for the Government and for co-defendant Andres Alberto Samaniego-Galvez do not object to the continuance. *Id.*

On September 19, 2024, a federal grand jury indicted each Defendant with one count of Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1),

1 (b)(1)(A) and (C), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2. Dkt. No. 24 at 1–2. The Defendants
2 have been detained since their arrests on September 5, 2024. Dkt. Nos. 8, 13, 15–16, 19–20, 26–
3 27. Trial is scheduled for November 18, 2024. Dkt. No. 31.

4 Counsel for Miguel¹ represents that defense counsel have “recently received the initial
5 discovery in this case, which thus far consists of 160 pages of Bates-stamped discovery and
6 numerous video files” and he has “not yet had time to review all of the discovery, discuss the
7 evidence in the case with [Miguel], discuss possible motions, or explore possible resolutions of
8 the case.” Dkt. No. 33 at 2. In addition, “[b]oth codefendants are native Spanish speakers, are
9 incarcerated, and can only communicate with counsel via in-person meetings with the help of an
10 interpreter.” *Id.* Miguel has filed a speedy trial waiver waiving his right to a speedy trial “to a date
11 thirty days beyond the date selected by the Court for [his] trial, which [he] anticipate[s] will be no
12 later than June 30, 2025.” Dkt. No. 34 at 1. Andres has also filed a speedy trial waiver, waiving
13 his right to a speedy trial through April 24, 2025. Dkt. No. 35 at 1.

14 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the Court finds that the ends of justice served by
15 granting a continuance of trial outweigh the best interest of the public and Defendants in any
16 speedier trial. Specifically, the Court finds that failure to grant the requested continuance would
17 likely result in a miscarriage of justice and would deny defense counsel the reasonable time
18 necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, due to
19 counsel’s need for more time to review the evidence, consider possible defenses and motions, and
20 consult with Defendants. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (iv). The Court finds that the additional
21 time requested is a reasonable period of delay and will be necessary to provide counsel and
22 Defendants reasonable time to accomplish the above tasks.

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24 ¹ The Court usually refers to defendants by their last names, but because Defendants in this matter share the same last name, the Court uses their first names to eliminate any confusion. No disrespect is intended.

1 For these reasons, the Court GRANTS Miguel's motion, Dkt. No. 33, and ORDERS that
2 the trial date for Defendants shall be continued from November 18, 2024 to March 24, 2025, and
3 the pretrial motions deadline shall be continued from October 17, 2024 to February 10, 2025. It is
4 further ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (B), the period of delay from
5 the date of this Order to the new trial date is EXCLUDED when computing the time within which
6 Defendants' trial must commence under the Speedy Trial Act.

7 Dated this 15th day of October, 2024.

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Lauren King
10 United States District Judge
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